GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FLUORIDE CONTENT IN DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNICEF has supplied ion-meters to detect the fluoride content in the drinking water;

(b) if so, the names of States in which such meters have been installed; and

(c) the other remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): UNICEF has supplied ion-meters for detection of fluoride content in drinking water to Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

(c): Flurosis is mostly combated by provision of safe drinking water which is a State subject. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State/UT Governments by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) of Department of Drinking Water Supply. Ministry of Rural Development.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has approved a new initiative entitled 'National Programme for Prevention & Control of Flurosis' to be implemented in 100 districts with an amount of Rs.68 crores during the 11th Plan.